

undersides. A popular site has been underneath the lid of a covered jam jar, access having been gained through one of the holes pierced for stems, some of which have been removed. But one, repeatedly replaced and escaping, took refuge under the Grandfather's Clock, with satisfactory results.

Since it "arrived" here in 1969 (vol. 82, p. 216), *argiolus* has thrived. Reports of it from eight more squares between here, Codicote and Cublington have been sent in to Monk's Wood.—C. F. COWAN, Little Gaddesden House, Berkhamsted, Herts.

THE OVIPOSITING OF SEMELE (LEP.)—The Grayling butterfly (*Hipparchia semele* L.) is said to lay her eggs on grass. This is not an invariable rule. On top of Witherslack in the Lake District on 27 July 1958, the prevailing westerly wind was strong across the flat limestone and Graylings were tacking against it, close to the ground. They were making frequent halts, and I realised these were ovipositing females. I watched them settle on the numerous rocks and stones among the grass. Standing on "tiptoe" (all four legs) on the lee side of a stone, the abdomen was curved forward between the hinder pair of legs and the egg deposited between the fore pair (median legs). After much frustration in the high wind, one reasonable documentary photograph was obtained. — C. F. COWAN, Little Gaddesden House, Berkhamsted, Herts.

A PEACOCK BUTTERFLY IN SHETLAND: About the end of August 1969 I came across a single butterfly, *Inachis io*, (L.) on the open heather-covered ground between Skaw and Saxavord at the Northern end of Unst, Shetland. The weather at the time was sunny, the wind not strong, and migrant birds were moving southwards.

This is the first published report of the butterfly's having been seen in the Northern Isles. — D. R. A. RUSHTON, The Manchester Museum, The University, Manchester. 27.x.1971.

YPSOLOPHUS HORRIDELLUS TREITSCHKE: I was interested to read the Editor's record of this moth from Kent and his description of it as confined to a narrow belt in the south of the country. I had been taking this species commonly each year in Southampton at M.V., and then this summer, I moved to North London. I was surprised to find in my M.V. trap that *Y. horridellus* is even commoner here, and I wonder how much further north its range extends.—REV. DAVID J. L. AGASSIZ, St James's Vicarage, 144 Hertford Road, Enfield, Middx. 29.x.1971

YPSOLOPHUS HORRIDELLUS TREITSCHKE IN KENT. — I was especially interested to read S. N. A. Jacob's note on this subject (*antea*: 288) as a solitary *horridellus* came to light in my house in Orpington on 8th August 1971. For the past fifteen years a few *Y. scabrellus* L. have visited the same light each August, but *horidellus* has not previously appeared. I have never before encountered *horridellus* in Kent or indeed elsewhere. — F. A. SWAIN, 17 Ridgeway Crescent, Orpington, Kent. 6.xi.1971.